## **Veterans Day**

Per <u>KRS 158.075</u>, all schools shall observe Veterans Day. This law states the following: On Veterans Day, or one (1) of the five (5) school days preceding Veterans Day, one (1) class or instructional period shall be devoted to the observance of Veterans Day. To develop a Veterans Day program, Kentucky public schools are encouraged to seek advice from the Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs and veterans' service organizations, including but not limited to the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

## **Organizations**

Below is a list of contacts to help in planning your Veterans Day observance:

- <u>Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs</u>
   Office of the Commissioner, Telephone: 502-564-9203
- Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
   You may contact your local chapter and speak to the Commander or the Ladies Auxiliary VFW President.
- American Legion
- The U.S Department of Veteran's Affairs Directory of Veterans Service Organizations

## Resources

The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) does not mandate or prescribe particular curricula or lesson plans. The information below contains links to learning resources created and maintained by other public and private organizations. This information is provided for your convenience as examples of Veterans Day resources that you might find helpful.

- <u>Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs: Saluting Veterans on Veterans Day</u>
  This site contains a variety of educational resources related to Veterans Day.
- <u>U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: 2024 Veterans Day Teacher Resource Guide</u>
  This guide assists educators in planning lessons and activities around Veterans Day.
- Library of Congress: Veterans Day Primary Source Sets

This site provides primary source sets that offer stories of veterans.

- Veterans' Stories: The Veterans History Project
- Veterans' Stories: Struggles for Participation
- National Archives: Veterans Day Resources

This site contains a variety of educator resources related to veteran topics, including oral histories and historical images.

Scholastic: Veterans Day Collection

This site offers Veterans Day resources and lesson plans for grades K-5.

## 2024 Opportunity with the Kentucky Historical Society

Host a Vet | Grades 4-12 | Mon, Nov. 11, 2024 | 10:00 am - 11:00 am (ET)

Veterans share their experiences -- from boot camp to travels abroad -- with grades 4-12, then answer student's questions about their time on active duty and their return home. Teachers can submit their students' questions to KHSeducation@ky.gov by Monday, Nov, 4 at 4 p.m. (ET)

Host a Vet, Jr. | Grades K-3 | Mon, Nov. 11, 2024 | 1:30 pm - 2:00 pm (ET)

Grades K-3 provides a hands-on learning experience. Together, students will learn about the American flag, what the colors mean, and how to care for the flag. While students design their own flags, a veteran will talk about what Veteran's Day means to them and help us fold our "flags" together.

This event will be on Zoom. Participation is free, but space is limited. Please register no later than Noon (ET) on Friday, Nov. 8.

Register for Host a Vet | Register for Host a Vet, Jr.